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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MICHAEL L. NUCCIO ANDREW D. HANSON SUSAN A. HENRY

Serial No.: 09/525,885

Filed: March 15, 2000

For: POLYNUCLEOTIDE COMPOSITIONS

ENCODING S-ADENOSYL-L-

METHIONINE:PHOSPHOETHANOLAMINE N-METHYLTRANSFERASE AND METHODS FOR MODULATING LIPID BIOSYNTHESIS

IN PLANTS

Group Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: Elizabeth F. McElwain

Atty. Dkt. No.: 4300.012700

Customer No. 23720

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

	1.	Sul	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114				
		a. 🗌	Previou	asly submitted			
			i. 🗌	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed			
				on(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).			
			ii. 🔲	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously			
				filed on			
			iii. 🔲	Other			
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	b. 🛚	Enclos	ed						
		i. 🔀	Amendment/Reply	iii. Information Disclosure Statement					
		ii. 🔲	Affidavit(s)/Declarations	(IDS) iv.  Other					
2.	Miscellaneous								
	a. 🔀	CFR 1		ove-identified application is requested under 3 nonths. (Period of suspension shall not exceed i) required)					
	b. 🔀	Other:	Request for Extension of	Time					
3.	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.								
	a. 🔀	The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0786, if the check is missing or insufficient.							
		i. 🖂	RCE fee required under 3	7 C.F.R. 1.17(e)					
		ii. 🖂	Extension of time fee (37	C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)					
		iii.⊠	Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17	(i) for suspension of action					
	b. 🛚	Check	Check in the amount of \$1490.00 enclosed						
	с. 🗌	O-2038 enclosed)							
				Respectfully submitted,					
				WILLIAMS, MORGAN & AMERSON CUSTOMER NUMBER: 23720					
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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION; AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 20, 2002

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 37 C.F.R 1.8

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Mark D. Moore

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and consider this response to the Final Official Action ("Final Action") which is timely submitted following submission of a Notice of Appeal (timely filed on February 20, 2003), and the accompanying 5-month extension of time which brings the final due date for the present Request to September 22, 2003 (September 20, 2003 being a Saturday). Applicants

believe that the present materials place the claims in condition for allowance, and re-examination and reconsideration is respectfully requested on this basis after entry of the accompanying amendment.

A check in the amount of \$1490.00 is enclosed. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/4300.012700.